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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON
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1. DURING CALL MAY 15 ON EUR ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST,
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TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL AGAIN BROUGHT UP TURKISH GOVERN-
MENT CONCERN RE PUBLICATION IN GREECE OF CYPRUS REPORT OF
THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (REFTEL). HE
STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY MR. DANILOFF OF THE
UNITED PRESS THAT LATTER HAS A COPY OF REPORT AND HIS ED-
ITORS MIGHT RUN SOME EXTRACTS. ESENBEL AVERRED THAT THE
PUBLICATION OF THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT IN THE US PRESS

WOULD CREATE SERIOUS PROBLEMS PARTICULARLY AT THIS TIME DURING CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF REPEAL OF THE ARMS EMBARGO. HE REQUESTED THAT USG TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT ITS PUBLICATION.

2. VEST STATED THAT WE HAD MADE INQUIRIES REGARDING THE PUBLICATION OF THIS REPORT IN GREECE BUT HAVE NOT RECEIVED A REPLY. VEST AGAIN REMINDED ESENBEL THAT WHEN SOMETHING WAS LEAKED INTO THE PUBLIC DOMAIN, NO ONE CAN EFFECTIVELY STOP ITS PUBLICATION, ESPECIALLY WHERE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS EXISTS. VEST OFFERED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH DANILOFF PER-

SONALLY TO DISCUSS THE MATTER, BUT NOTED THAT WHEN THE PRESS BELIEVES IT HAS A NEWSWORTHY STORY, IT IS DIFFICULT TO DISSUADE THEM FROM PUBLISHING.

3. VEST SUBSEQUENTLY SPOKE TO DANILOFF WHO SAID HE HAS HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT, IN DUE COURSE WILL DO STORY, BUT INTENDS TO USE TURKISH INFORMATION TO TRY FOR AS BALANCED STORY AS POSSIBLE. VANCE

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